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1. IN ROUND TABLE REVIEW OF CURRENT OIL SUPPLY SITUATION, MOST COUNTRIES EXPRESSED UNCERTAINTY OVER OIL SUPPLY PROSPECTS FOR FIRST QUARTER 74, TINGED WITH CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM. EXCEPTIONS WERE DENMARK AND SWEDEN, WHICH EXPECT SERIOUS SHORTFALLS REQUIRING RIGOROUS CONSERVATION MEASURES AT LEAST OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS. PORTUGAL INDICATED EMBARGO HAD CUT DEEPLY INTO ITS NORMAL SUPPLIES. NETHERLANDS DEL, WITHOUT FURTHER ELABORATION, STATED HE HAD JUST RECEIVED SOME VERY TENTATIVE INDICATIONS THAT ARAB OIL EMBARGO ON HIS COUNTRY MIGHT BE LIFTED "WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME".

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WM MAIN OTHER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION CONCERNED PROPOSED

RECOMMENDATION ON GUIDELINES FOR ACTION ARISING FROM STUDY ON AIR POLLUTION FROM FUEL COMBUSTION IN STATIONARY SOURCES (DIE/E/EN/73.206). UK DEL MADE STRONG STATEMENT OPPOSING TRANSMITTAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL ON GROUNDS TIME NOT APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF OIL SUPPLY SITUATION ITSELF AND OF INADEQUATE REFERENCE TO IT IN DRAFT TEXT. SIMILAR VIEW TAKEN BY SWEDEN, TURKEY, BELGIUM, AND FRANCE, WHILE SWITZERLAND, CANADA, US AND SPAIN WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATION AS DRAFTED. COMPROMISE DECISION WAS TAKEN, WITH SUPPORT OF COCHRANE OF ENVIRONMENT SECRETARIAT, TO REFER RECOMMENDATION BACK TO ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WITH REQUEST TO RECONSIDER TEXT AND TIMING OF TRANSMITTAL TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN LIGHT OF TIGHT OIL SUPPLY SITUATION BUT WITHOUT FURTHER REFERENCE TO ENERGY COMMITTEE.

3. OFFICERS OF ENERGY COMMITTEE RE-ELECTED FOR ADDITIONAL YEAR. DATE FOR NEXT MEETING LEFT OPEN.
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